

THE GATEACRE SOCIETY

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The Society's 24th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on
Tuesday 27th October 1998
at 8 p.m. in
Gateacre Chapel Hall,
Sandfield Road, Liverpool 25.

Come and meet your fellow members, hear the Officers' reports and elect an Executive Committee for the coming year. Let us know what you think of the current state of Gateacre, and what the Society should be doing about it. Maybe even volunteer to fill one of the vacant places on the Committee!

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ESPECIALLY
WELCOME TO ATTEND**

CELTIC ART: Our August meeting

On the 11th August Dorothy O'Hanlon gave us an enthralling talk on Celtic art. We were shown some beautiful slides of work from the Book of Kells and other examples of Celtic art. Dorothy helped us to understand and interpret some of the complex and intricate designs and colours in the pages of the Celtic Books. Other intriguing aspects of her talk were her references to the question of the authorship, place of origin and purpose of the Book of Kells. There is no complete agreement among scholars, but Dorothy modestly put forward her proposal of an Irish origin by virtue of the artistic exuberance. She also pointed out some of the 7th and 8th century influences on this art form through links with Europe and the Mediterranean world.

The talk was well attended by a very appreciative audience. We now look forward to a future evening when Dorothy will treat us to the fruits of her archaeological work and travels.

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GRASS CUTTING

This is the City Council's reply to our complaint of poor grass-cutting standards on local verges, etc.:

"Within the current ground maintenance contract ... the amount of times the grass should be cut is performance based rather than frequency based, i.e. in the summer when the height of grass is over 75mm it should be cut, this should equate to a cut every three weeks... If grass is cut regularly there is no necessity to remove grass arisings... Unfortunately, the contractor is currently experiencing difficulty in achieving a regular frequency of grass cutting due to their inability to complete maintenance schedules as per contractual specifications."

We

hope the Council will take steps to improve things next year.

LITTER BINS

The City Council's Environmental Maintenance manager has also responded to our request for replacement litter bins in Rose Brow, where litter and leaves seem to go unswept for weeks on end:

"Unfortunately budgetary constraints do not allow me to replace the damaged litter bins. However, I shall continue to monitor this area, and if I find it falls below an acceptable standard of cleanliness I will rectify this as soon as possible."

OUT OF THE ARCHIVES



This year's Heritage Open Weekend turned out to be one of the Society's most successful events for many years. Literally hundreds of people visited our *Images of Gateacre* exhibition in the Chapel Hall. They were

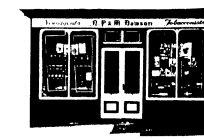


mostly local residents, but also included several Gateacre ex-pats from further afield, along with others 'doing the rounds' of the weekend's many and varied attractions in Liverpool.

Our thanks go to the Chapel trustees for allowing us the use of the hall, to Gateacre Comprehensive School for lending us the display stands, and to all those people who, over the years, have helped us to build up such a large collection of archive photographs and other illustrations of Gateacre's past. Most of all, our thanks go to our Committee Member Beryl Plent, who painstakingly sifted through the collection, had laser copies made of over 150 of the best, and mounted and captioned these copies for everyone to see and appreciate.



For those people who were unable to attend the exhibition - or who simply want a second look - there will be another chance to see the pictures on 27th October (from 8 p.m.): they will be on show at our Annual General Meeting which, this year, also takes place in the Chapel Hall.



DON'T FORGET the A.G.M. this year is on Tuesday 27th October. **WE NEED** new Committee Members. **IF YOU CAN HELP US** in any particular way - or simply by attending a meeting every five weeks or so - then please have a word with a member of the existing Committee (see back page for some names and numbers).